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CLUB NEWS

AARP Chapter 446

The American Association of Retired Persons, Chapter 446 board of directors will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 17 at the Fort Pierce Community Center, 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce.

Social hour will be from noon to 1 p.m. Various games will be played until 3 p.m. Dues will be collected throughout the day. For more information, call 467-0939.

Alliance for the Mentally Ill

The club will have a program meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Indian River Presbyterian Church, 2499 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. The guest speaker will be Jean Spivey, supervisor of the Mental Health Division at the Fort Pierce Court House. She will speak about the Baker Act, substance abuse and incapacity. A question-and-answer period will follow. For more information, call 340-0823.

American Association of University Women

The club will have a book/author luncheon Feb. 21 to benefit the local scholarship and Educational Foundation. Social hour at 11 a.m. will provide an opportunity to buy and have the books autographed by three dynamic authors; Edna Buchanan, former police beat reporter of the Miami Herald and Pulitzer Prize winner, author of "Miami: It's Murder;" Jonnie Williams of Indiantown who has written of her adventures while sailing the Caribbean and included recipes for island foods; and Palm City businessman Stephen Littauer who shares his financial expertise in "How To Buy Mutual Funds The Smart Way." The luncheon will be at noon and will be followed by the awarding of door prizes and a Chinese raffle. For more information, call 223-0008.

American Business Women's Association

The Dutchess Charter Chapter will meet at 6 p.m. Feb. 17 at Fantastic Affairs, 3223 S. U.S. 1, Fort Pierce. The guest speaker will be Dr. Jeanne Sloan, chairwoman of New Horizon's Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit Task Force. If interested in attending, call Elaine Raulerson at 461-2414 or Jerrie Moore at 465-2663.

Capron Trail Garden Circle

The club will meet at noon Thursday at the Garden Center, 911 Parkway Drive, Fort Pierce. The program "Wildflowers In Our Area" will be presented by Dr. John Brolmann.

Members are asked to bring a flower arrangement of fresh material in a crescent design for exhibit; or a wildflower specimen for horticulture.

Members should also bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

Florida Irish American Association Inc.

The club will meet at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday in the south room of the Vero Beach Community Center. Installation of new members will take place. Plans for the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be discussed.

The parade is scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. [illegible] 17. It will form at 2:30 [illegible] area north of [illegible] Field, across [illegible] Vero Beach [illegible]. They will proceed [illegible] Avenue North to the [illegible] Main Station, then [illegible] 25th Street. If interested [illegible] call Bob Wils[illegible]

The members of the Florida Irish American Association Inc. have invited the Vero Beach Shrine Club to join them in a regular Stag Turn Out at Beth Creek at 6 [illegible] after the parade. Price is $5 [illegible] each. Tickets are available at the door of Bethel Creek House. For more information, call 562-[illegible]

Fort Pierce Business and Professional Women's Club

The club will have the final workshop meeting for the fashion show at 5 p.m. Monday at Hoyt C. Murphy Real Estate Office, 221 Ocean Drive, Fort Pierce. The fashion show will be at noon Feb. 19 at the Pelican Yacht Club, 1120 Seaway Drive, South Hutchinson Island, Fort Pierce. There will be various fashions, and door prizes. Proceeds will benefit the Displaced Homemaker Scholarships and many other community services. The models for the show will be Diana Wilder, Patricia "Pat" Alley, Melinda Blades, Judy Kanthock, Leta Cheyborough Brown, Colleen Towry, Carol Kirkland, Ann Varnadore and Peggy Haluska. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased by calling 464-7451, 461-1324 or [illegible]

The club was organized in 1926 and has accomplished many benefits for the working woman. The club is open to anyone — men or women — that believes in the policies and rules of the organization. We are an international organization with over 6,000 members in Florida.

Fort Pierce Elkettes 1520

The club will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Elks Lodge. Hospitality hostess is Terry Helbach. For more information, call 466-1730.

Fort Pierce Sunrise Rotary Club

The club will meet at 7 a.m. Wednesday at Scotty' Gray Gull Restaurant, Fort Pierce. Officers for 1993-94 are Mike Baumgardner, president; Cheryl Jacquin, vice-president; Pat Alley, secretary; and Rod Cardiff, treasurer.

There will be a 5-K Walk Run sponsored by the Fort Pierce Sunrise Rotary Club on March 12 at the Dale Cassens School. For more details, call 465-4100 or 464-1112.

Lioness Club of Port St. Lucie

The club will have a dessert luncheon card party at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Port St. Lucie Community Center, 200 Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Donation is $3.50. Tickets will be available at the door. For reservations, call 878-2948. Bring your own cards.

MARSP

The Treasure Coast Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 18 at the Holiday Inn, 10120 South U.S. 1, Port St. Lucie. Bonnie Carpenter will be the speaker. Lunch will be served at noon following the speakers presentation. For reservations call Del Crisp at 287-6137. Price is $9.

NARFE

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees is scheduled to meet Feb. 21 at the Port St. Lucie Community Center, 200 S.W. Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie. The scheduled speaker is Pam Hilton, a representative of H&R Block. Refreshments will be served at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. All Retired Federal Employees and spouses are welcome. For more information call 335-9112 or 335-2226.

Palm Vista Garden Circle

The club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Garden Center, 911 Parkway Drive, Fort Pierce. The program "Herbs" will be presented by Dorothy Hewitt.

Artistic arrangements should be Japanese Style. Members are asked to bring a potted plant for "Horticulture." Hostesses will be Edna Victor, Marge Oliver and Dot Kinsey. For information, call 466-1730.

Pilot Club

The Pilot Club of St. Lucie County will have a luncheon program meeting at noon Thursday at Abbiejean Russell Care Center, 700 S. 29th Street, Fort Pierce. The event will start at noon. The guest speaker will be Danny Dye, of the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources Center. Final plans will be made for the Very Special Arts program to be at the St. Lucie County Civic Center on March 2. Attending the program that day will be disabled students from Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties. Club members are reminded to bring supplies for this event. For more information, call 464-0506.

Port St. Lucie Lions Club

The club will have a dance at the Polish American Club from 8 p.m. to midnight Feb. 25. There will be live music. Tickets are available from any club member or at the door for $5 per adult. All proceeds will go the Sight-First campaign.

Rio Lindo Garden Club

The club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Indian River Community College, 200 S.W. Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie. There will be a Metal Sculpture workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Monday and a program on "Birds and Beasts." For more information, call 335-9028 or 335-7202.

Welcome Wagon Alumnae

The club will host a dessert card party at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Lakewood Park Village Hall. Tickets are $2. For more information and tickets, call Jeanne Wolfe at 465-3816.

Womans Club of Fort Pierce

Peggy Jannetti, chairman of the conservation department, will host a covered dish luncheon at 2 p.m. Monday. Glen Machester and Sheila Hayes, members of the Treasure Coast Bonsai Society will demonstrate the art and techniques of the bonsai and will have their own display of bonsai.

The board of directors is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m.

The club is at 2505 S. 29th Street, Fort Pierce.

Valentines can be unique without being too weird

Leslie Barker
DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Have a heart.

A big heart, filled with candy. A medium-sized heart, sprinkled on boxer shorts and bobby socks. A tiny heart, dangled from a chain or attached to ear lobes.

Constructed of chocolate or gold, diamonds, dough or paper, hearts are to February what turkeys are to November: compulsory, ubiquitous and marketed weeks before the holiday with which they're associated.

Well, Valentine's Day is Monday. And the only cards left on store shelves seem to be for favorite postal carriers or that special second cousin. What remain of heart-covered boxer shorts are either too small or too large.

Candy's a good bet, if your beloved likes chocolates filled with mushy, pastel-colored centers or sugared hearts stamped with such endearments as "OU Kid" or "Let's Kiss." If you'd planned a little early, you could have ordered Bat Bites — bat-shaped chocolates with peanut-butter ears marketed by the American Bat Conservation Society.

But you didn't. Maybe next year. Meanwhile, here are some ways to be unique without being downright weird.

■ The phone rings and when your Valentine answers it, he/she hears Stevie Wonder singing "I Just Called to Say I Love You," followed by a recorded message from you. That song is the No. 1 choice of callers to Send-A-Song, a personalized message company. But, in case that song makes you want to hang up, 200 other selections are available.

To send a song to be sung in the next five minutes or six months from now, call 1-800-SEND-A-SONG. Cost is $9.95 and $19.95 for three songs, sent anywhere in the continental United States.

■ OK, so your valentine loves "I Just Called to Say I Love You." Or that other time-honored favorite, "Just the Way You Are."

If so, you can send a Deco Disc — a greeting card that includes a compact disc that plays the latter or one of two other songs. Each costs $6, including postage and handling. They can be ordered by calling (212) 563-6363.

■ Bookstores are always good places to find last-minute, from-the-heart gifts. If your sweetheart isn't the sonnet type, perhaps he or she would like something more practical. Namely, "365 Ways to Kiss Your Love" (The Summit Group, $9.95).

Written by Tomima Edmark — who made a fortune selling the plastic gizmo called TopsyTail — the book does indeed offer 365 lip tips. Here are a couple to whet your palate:

No. 284 — "Count how many teeth your love has, using your tongue." And No. 286 — "Burrow your nose and mouth into the nape of your love's neck and snort like a pig."

You get the idea.

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